



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
January 13-14, 2017

January 13-14, 2017 Regular Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter
Connie Mahnken
Dave Graybill
Kim Thorburn
Jay Kehne
Bob Kehoe
Miranda Wecker
Jay Holzmilller – Saturday only

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Hannah Anderson
Eric Gardner
Julie Sandberg
Kyle Adicks
Kelly Cunningham
Raquel Crosier
Craig Burley
Gary Wiles
Lisa Hallock
Derek Stinson
Donny Martorello
Ron Warren
Kelly Denny

Mike Cenci
Ron Roler
Jim Scott
Tina Nisbet
Chris Anderson
Jeff Wickersham
Joey McCanna
Trent Roussin
Pat Frazier
Brad James
John Long
Myrtice Dobler
Darren Friedel
Laura Lloyd

Guests:

Senator Takko
Senator Wilson
Rep. Pike

Public:

Perry Menchaca	Shinna Menchaca	Hoda Sheikh	Solomon Wossene
Tim Eidson	Jesse Smith	Marte Schwery	Pat Ebert
Brett Ebert	Alice Boerner	Andrew Marks	Linda Saunders
Diane Gallegos	Paula Swedeen	Lyle Cabe	Art Holman
Tom Erskine	Jeromy Evans	Tom Porter	Steve Boerner
Jon Vigre	Clancy Holt	Amaroq Weiss	Duane Inglin
Tim Hamilton	Shawn Cantrell	Norm Reinhardt	Mike Curtis
Paul Larson	Greg Johnson	Jim Jordan	Albert O'Connor
Bob Rees	Steve Wille	Jerry Hunter	Allan Cabe
Dennis Harvey	Dale Rigdon	Mindy Sass	Alan DeLone
Thomas Dulcich	River Steenson	Bradford Sander	Bill Hunsinger
Chad Koepfe	Robert Koepfe	Dennis Forsberg	Benson Lee
Tom Effinger	Jeff Poveche	Matt Gardner	Mark Bagdonitz
Jerry Lee	Mike Butch	David Mitchell	Sierra Rae Koepfle
Lori Steele	Joe Klobucnik	Hermann Fleishman	David Mackay
Greg Seeley	Larry Zabel	Chris Strawn	Doug Ford
Steve Boerner	John Schlecht	Marv Chesley	Jerry Bailey
Paul Larson	Doug Forsberg	Donald Hyde	Wayne Dalton
Gary Wise	Robert Yahn	Wayne Jennings	Anita Nichels
Steve Nichels	Robert Sudar	Chuck Tracy	Chad Price
Justin Ryniston	Phillip Thomas	Greg King	George Barton
Harry Barber	Bill Leady	Butch Smith	Bill Beard
Justin Zakariassen	Darrell Thomas	Nello Picinich	Tom Grossnicky

Wayne Johnson	Irene Martin	Kent Martin	Bryce Divine
Gordon LaBauve	Roh Spriy	Alice Boerner	Gary Loomis
Ben Krebs	Darren Crookshanks	Kelly Sharf	Marion Doolittle
Tom Porter	Dan Quinn	Dave McGrew	Rhonda McGrew
Steve Gray	Heath Heikkila	Robert Rush	Gary Gragg
Dale Scott	Jeff Ashfi	Hal Mahooke	Chris Connolly
Steve Long	Mark Heirigs	Rick Curtright	Ed Wickersham
John Zakariassen	Louis Johnson	Russell Sehn	Bob Baker
Sunghe Buck	Derrick Robbins	Jim Fowler	Bill Chapman
Jeremy Brock	Tyler Comeau	Dan Richard	Nathan Burck
Jim Milanowski	Jim Williams	Randy Woolsey	John Bohrnese
Billy Estep	Leon Steveson	Marc ter Horst	Don Kuhler
Bob Bauman	John Baugher	Frances Estalilla	Jim Cabe
Dean Potter	Janae Brock	Norm Wurzer	Lori Wurzer
Cliff Richard	John Straub	Brian Davern	Winston Falls
Dennis Mawkowski	Troy Cunlisk	David Sass	John Vigre
Kenny Hall	Bill Werch	Jim Wells	Joe Sobolweski
Mike Neketuk	Dennis Schwartz	Ray Buckno	Weston Dorszyski
William Kearse			

Friday, January 13, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

Debrief of WAFWA meeting in Arizona

Commissioner Kehne made a motion to re-elect Brad Smith to the Chair position and Larry Carpenter to the Vice-chair position, Commissioner Thorburn seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

January 6, 2017 – conference call

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Tim Hamilton – Open meetings/NOF	Norm Reinhardt – Open meetings/NOF
Shawn Cantrell – Periodic Status Review	Perry Menchaca - Open meetings/NOF

3. Director's Report

The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- Winter Conditions for big game
- Dungeness Crab strike
- Appreciation to the Enforcement Staff for all the extra work
- Licensing System update
- Crop sharing program
- Wild Future/Legislation/Budget
- Conservation/Blue Ribbon

- Wolf Workgroup discussions at WAFWA

Craig Burley gave an update on how the sportfishing rule proposals will roll out for 2017. There was a request for a demonstration of the new Fish Application.

Ron Warren provided an update on:

- Clarification on the Tribal coho catch
- Point no Point

Commissioner Wecker requested a follow up report on Schneider Creek Hatchery.

4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for various land transactions.

There was no public input for this item.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to accept items 1 – 3 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. North of Falcon Policy – Decision

Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager and Bill Frymire, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General provided a briefing to the Commission on efforts to address greater public transparency within the North of Falcon proceedings. Staff also requested approval for the NOF Policy that would be in effect from January 2017 through December 2018.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the North of Falcon Policy, C-3608 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

6. Periodic Status Review (Woodland Caribou, Western Pond Turtle and Sandhill Crane) Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager; Gary Wiles, Lisa Hallock and Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologists presented Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the state listed species referenced above and provide status recommendations for each to the Commission.

There was no public input for this item.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to retain endangered status for the Woodland Caribou, Western Pond Turtle and Sandhill Crane as presented by department staff, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. Motion passed.

7. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing

Chief Anderson and Captain Wickersham, Enforcement Program provided an overview of how they have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program's strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

8. Profanity Peak Pack Update – Briefing

Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Joey McCanna, Private Lands and Wildlife Conflict Supervisor and Trent Roussin, Wolf Biologist briefed the Commission on wolf-livestock conflict in the Profanity Peak pack in 2016.

9. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Tim Hamilton – North of Falcon

Andrew Marks – Thank you to Commissioner Mahnken

Norm Reinhardt –

Amaroq Weiss – Profanity Peak wolves

Hoda Sheikh – Read statement from rancher
Paula Swedeen – WAG and preventative measures

Solomon Wossene – wolves
Shawn Cantrell – WAG and next steps

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

10. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Greg King – Cowlitz River recovery plan
Chuck Tracy – Special hunt permits
Ross Barkhurst – Imazamox
Tim Hamilton – Columbia River policy

11. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review – Briefing and Public Input

Patrick Frazier, Region 5 Fish Program Policy Coordinator and Brad James, Fish and Wildlife Biologist provided the Commission an annual review on lower Columbia River sturgeon, as stipulated within policy C-3001.

The following people provided testimony:

Harry Barber Greg Johnson Butch Smith Clancy Holt
Nathan Burke Ed Wickersham

12. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing, Public Input and Decision

Ron Warren, Fish Program Assistant Director and Jim Scott, Special Assistant briefed the Commission on options for updating the Columbia River Salmon Management Policy.

Commissioner Holzmilller joined the meeting via conference call.

The public testimony was taken before the motion, commission discussion and vote.

Commissioner Mahnken made a motion to adopt the policy updates as presented by the majority of the Fish Committee, Commissioner Wecker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7 to 2.

The following people provided testimony:

Senator Dean Takko	Representative Liz Pike	Senator Lynn Wilson
Larry Cassidy	John Bohrsen	Mark Heirigs
Tim Hamilton	Art Holman	Ross Barkhurst
Gary Loomis	Clancy Holt	Darren Crookshanks
Harry Barber	Norm Reinhardt	Anita Nichels
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Jim Milanowski	Robert Sudar	Jim Fowler
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Ed Wickersham	Jim Wells	Thomas Dulcich
Bill Hunsinger	River Steenson	Liz Hamilton
Bob Rees	Randy Woolsey	Bill Leady

13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

Commissioner Wecker discussed steps on transparency.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant